

## Sublette couple has son

Hudson Eugene Short was born at 3:30 p.m. on July 5, 2010. He weighed 7 pound, 8 ounces and was 10 3/4 inches long.

His parents are Andy and Katie Short of Sublette.

His grandparents are Dick and Sarah Short of Goodland, Kim and Dana Watson of Sublette and great-grandparents are Don and Becky Messerly of Sublette, Twila and Burt McKinley of Garden City, the



**Hudson Eugene Short**

late Gene and Betty Short of Goodland and the late Glenn and Myrta Walter of Riley.

He is welcomed home by his big sister Hayden.

# State forms new insurance pool

A new temporary federal high-risk pool for uninsured Kansans with pre-existing medical conditions is now taking applications, according to Sandy Praeger, commissioner of insurance.

Coverage for Kansans accepted into the pool may begin as early as Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The pool, known as the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan - Kansas, is administered by the Kansas Health Insurance Association. Under Kansas law, Commissioner Praeger is responsible for oversight of the association.

According to Commissioner Praeger, the new pool is intended for Kansans with identified pre-existing conditions who have been



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without health insurance coverage for at least six months.

"Kansas Health Insurance Association has decided to offer enrollment in the plan on an unlimited basis for a few months to judge its potential demand for services," Commissioner Praeger said. "After the initial offering, the board will determine the necessity of limiting enrollment in order to make sure federal funding is available through 20-13."

isting Condition Insurance Plan - Kansas."

BMI of Kansas, Inc., located in Great Bend, will serve as the third party administrator for the pool. BMI also administers the current state pool.

The plan was developed as part of national health care reform law. It will be subsidized by \$36 million in federal funding and will be administered by the association as

a completely separate entity, not affiliated in any way with the existing pool.

The association's board of directors voted in late June to operate the new federal pool rather than having the federal government administer it.

"I have faith in our existing high-risk pool management and believe it is better to keep Kansans in charge of the new program rather than defer to a federal regulator," Commissioner Praeger said.

The new pool will operate until Jan. 1, 2014, when the federal health reform law requires health insurance companies to offer coverage to all applicants at standard market rates, regardless of health status.

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